Proposed Bylaws Amendment 3—2014
Regular Annual Session

Submitted by
AVMA Executive Board

Amend Bylaws ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES/COUNCILS/TASK FORCES, Section 2. Councils, c. Council on Research, 1 Composition; and ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES/COUNCILS/TASK FORCES, Section 2. Councils, i Term; and ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES/COUNCILS/TASK FORCES, Section 2. Councils, j Elections.

Present and Proposed Wording
(deletions are struckthrough; additions are underlined)

Article VIII. Committees/Councils/Task Forces, Section 2. Councils, Council on Research
1. Composition. The Council on Research shall consist of ten voting members who are also voting members of the Association and one non-voting member representing veterinary students.
   i. The ten voting members of the Council on Research who are also voting members of the Association shall representing the following areas of veterinary medical activity:
      a) Veterinary medical research (six individuals who are predominantly engaged in active research at the time of the election);
      b) Private clinical practice, not further specified (two individuals who are predominantly engaged in private clinical practice); and
      c) Veterinary medical colleges (two individuals who serve as dean or associate dean/director of research at an AVMA-accredited school or college of veterinary medicine).
   iv. ii. Veterinary students (a non-voting position to include one The non-voting member of the Council on Research representing veterinary students shall be an individual currently enrolled in an AVMA-accredited school or college of veterinary medicine and and shall be appointed by the Student American Veterinary Medical Association on an annual basis).

ARTICLE VIII. Committees/Councils/Task Forces, Section 2. Councils, i Term
i. Term. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all members of councils (with the exception of the Council on Education) shall serve a three (3) year term, or until such time as their successors are duly elected, qualified, and assume their duties, and may serve two (2) consecutive terms on the same council. Fulfilling an unexpired term of two (2) years or less shall not be considered a full term, and shall not apply toward the term limit. Council members shall not be eligible to serve on any council for a period of one (1) year following the conclusion of the second term as a member of the council. All members of the Council on Education shall serve a six (6) year term (unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws), or until such time as their successors are duly elected, qualified, and assume their duties, and may not serve two (2) consecutive terms on the Council on Education. Fulfilling an unexpired term of three (3) years or less shall not be considered a full term, and shall not apply toward the term limit. Council on Education members shall not be eligible to serve on any council for a period of one (1) year following the conclusion of their term as a member of the Council on Education.

ARTICLE VIII. Committees/Councils/Task Forces, Section 2. Councils, j Elections
j. Elections.
   1. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the House of Delegates shall elect members to fill vacancies on the various councils, with the exception of the Council on Education, at its regular sessions from among the slate of candidates presented by the Executive Board and any nominations made from the floor. Additional council members may be appointed pursuant to the Manual of the House of Delegates.
   2. Council members elected by the House of Delegates shall take their position immediately following the session of the House of Delegates at which they are elected.
Statement about the Bylaws Amendment

In fall 2012, the Student Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) approached the AVMA with interest in establishing a liaison relationship between SAVMA and the Council on Research (COR). Subsequently, a SAVMA representative attended and participated in COR meetings in 2013 and spring 2014. Because those students attended the COR meetings as guests, the expenses of the attendee have been borne by SAVMA. The COR has found student participation to be of value, both for receiving input on research-related issues and activities from the student population as well as the value in having a student point-of-contact for dissemination of research-related information to the veterinary student population. SAVMA has also found the relationship to be of value and is interested in establishing permanency to this relationship.

The proposed amendments to j. Elections recognizes that the SAVMA is best positioned to appoint a knowledgeable and interested student representative, and that a student representative is likely unable to serve a three-year term.

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